

Commonwealth Cleanup Week March 22-29, 2003



House Bill 174 requires counties to conduct three litter cleanups each year. The Division of Waste Management

recommends counties

take part in the cabinet's Commonwealth Cleanup Week, an established statewide cleanup event that occurs every year in March. The reporting system and cleanup times are already in place, so participation in Commonwealth Cleanup Week will save your county the time and trouble of launching its own event.

For additional information, visit <http://www.waste.ky.gov>.



Volunteers in Meade County load appliances and tires during a Commonwealth Cleanup Week event.



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What is House Bill 174?

HB 174 was sponsored by Rep. Greg Stumbo and passed into law by the 2002 General Assembly. The bill establishes priorities for proper solid waste management in Kentucky through waste reduction, recycling, proper closure of abandoned landfills, education, proper collection and disposal of solid waste, elimination of illegal open dumps and abatement of litter.



(Left to right) Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield; Rep. Thomas McKee, D-Cynthiana; Rep. Charlie Hoffman, D-Georgetown; Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson; and Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, watch as Gov. Paul Patton signs HB 174.

HB 174

How does HB 174 affect my county?

- Identifies counties as being in best position to plan for solid waste collection, with technical and financial assistance from the state.
- Creates revenue to begin to address some of the priority issues: abandoned landfills, illegal dumps and litter.

Revenue is generated through a \$25 million bond sale, a \$1.75 environmental fee assessed on each ton of solid waste disposed in contained solid waste landfills and a \$5 million annual transfer from highway road and contingency funds. The Kentucky Pride Fund was established to receive funds, and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet disperses the funds to counties.

Revenue generated from all sources is expected to be approximately \$32.5 million in the first year (FY 03), and \$14.8 million in ongoing revenue for the following years. The \$25 million dollar bond and \$5 million from the environmental fee is used by the cabinet for the identification and closure of abandoned landfills, as well paying debt service on the bond.

- Interest earned on the Pride Fund, up to \$1 million, will fund Kentucky's Environmental Education Master Plan.
- The remaining environmental fee and road fund monies (about \$9.8 million annually) are to be used by counties and cities for the cleanup of illegal dumps and litter.
- Counties and cities receive litter monies based on their population and road miles.
- Cabinet reimburses counties for illegal dump cleanups, with the county providing a 25 percent match. Cabinet can waive the match if the county has an effective mandatory collection program.

Requirements for receiving HB 174 money

- Counties must clean roadsides three times a year, and cities must clean city streets two times a year.
- Counties must have an approved solid waste management plan to receive reimbursement.
- Requires counties to have a solid waste coordinator with enforcement powers.
- Gives solid waste coordinators additional authority to issue citations for illegal dumping and littering.



A volunteer collects roadside litter, which is required three times yearly in order to receive HB 174 money.

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